

Senate and House Armed Services Committees on issues relating to areas of importance to the Army.

Throughout these assignments, Mrs. Thompson marshaled information sources and resources on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to both the Army and Congress. The timely and professional support delivered by Mrs. Thompson was invaluable to Army leaders and Members of Congress as they considered the impact of these important issues.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the United States of America, I thank Margaret, her husband, George (LTC, USA, Ret.) and her entire family for the commitment, sacrifices, and contribution that they have made throughout her honorable federal civil service tenure. Congratulations on completing an exceptional and extremely successful career.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL JOHN R. ANGEVINE, GARRISON COMMANDER, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON FORT LEE, VIRGINIA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel John R. Angevine, Garrison Commander United States Army Garrison Fort Lee, Virginia for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Colonel Angevine's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the Nation as a whole is to be highly commended.

Colonel Angevine's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. His assignments have included Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas; the 1st Infantry Division (Forward), Coppingen, Germany; the 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum, New York; the Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Washington, DC; the United Nations Operations Somalia, Mogadishu, Somalia; the Strategic Logistics Agency, Washington, DC; 25th Infantry Division (light) at Ft. Lewis, Washington; Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Washington, DC; and the Center for Strategic Leadership, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Among his many duties, he has served as Battalion Commander, 25th Forward Support Battalion, Battalion Executive Officer and Battalion S-3, 710th Maintenance Battalion, 10th Mountain Division (Light); Company Commander, 1st Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division (F); Quartermaster Assignments Officer; Logistics Staff Officer, Chief Logistics Officer UN Mission, Somalia; and as a Force Development Systems Integrator. His previous assignment was Chief, Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia. His military education is extensive and includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. Colonel Angevine holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts at Am-

herst and a Masters of Science degree in Business Administration from Boston University.

Colonel Angevine's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), United Nations Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Angevine has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country and the United States Army. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Colonel John R. Angevine.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL WEEK-END OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR DARFUR, SUDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan and in support of H. Res. 333.

Last July, Congress passed legislation recognizing the Darfur genocide. In September 2004, Secretary of State Colin Powell testified to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that genocide had been committed in Darfur. And shortly following, President George W. Bush told the United Nations General Assembly that "the world is witnessing terrible suffering and horrible crimes in the Darfur region of Sudan, crimes my government has concluded are genocide."

It has been estimated that perhaps as many as 400,000 people have died from violence, hunger and disease since conflict began in Darfur in 2003, and that more than 2 million people have lost their homes and are now living in refugee camps in Darfur and Chad.

Congress has approved hundreds of millions of dollars in humanitarian aid and other assistance for Darfur. The United States remains the largest contributor of relief aid to Sudan, providing logistical support for African Union troops in Darfur and taking the lead in efforts to resolve Sudan's long-running north-south civil war.

I recently attended a Sudanese celebration in Rochester, Minnesota, celebrating the signing of the Sudan Comprehensive Peace Accord, signed on January 9, 2005 in Nairobi. The Sudanese recognize the cost of freedom and will continue to strive for peace in the Darfur region.

I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this important legislation and cause.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "GROWING REAL OWNERSHIP FOR WORKERS ACT OF 2005"

HON. JIM MCCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. MCCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join Representatives SHAW, JOHNSON, RYAN, SHADEGG, a number of my Ways and Means and other colleagues to introduce the Growing Real Ownership for Workers (GROW) Act of 2005.

The creation of GROW accounts is a simple, common-sense, first step in protecting Social Security for the next generation of retirees and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, we have been listening to the American people, and this bill is a result of what we have heard: that spending Social Security funds on other programs is wrong and must be stopped. Right now, Social Security is taking in more money than it needs to pay benefits. We should ensure those surplus funds are spent on Social Security.

With individual GROW accounts, working Americans younger than age 55 at the start of this year will be able to put their names on their share of the overpayments to the Social Security Trust Funds.

The accounts will be invested in a fund of guaranteed, safe, marketable Treasury securities. They will be real assets that Americans will own. They will be inheritable, too.

GROW accounts would be voluntary; people can opt out if they want to.

Our GROW plan is forward-looking—after a prudent transition, GROW account owners would have the opportunity to invest in other types of securities, if they want to. The board that administers the accounts will submit a plan to Congress allowing for diversification into other assets. The plan would go into effect unless Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval.

Upon retirement, account balances will be used to help pay workers' Social Security benefits, and account balances are inheritable.

The bill does not impose investment risk on workers and does not harm the Social Security Trust Funds. It does protect the integrity of the Social Security program by ensuring that Social Security taxes are only used for Social Security.

I urge my colleagues on both sides to join me in supporting this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MISSOURI LEGISLATOR

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Missouri congressional delegation, I would like to join with my colleagues, Representatives TODD AKIN, ROY BLUNT, RUSS CARNAHAN, EMANUEL CLEAVER, JO ANN EMERSON, SAM GRAVES, KENNY HULSHOF and IKE SKELTON in paying tribute to the late Honorable Larry Gene Taylor who passed away at the age of 51 on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, after a hard fought battle with cancer.